the road based existing infrastructure is optimally utilised by phasing out slow moving vehicles and replacing them with environment friendly non-pollutant faster modes of transport.

Identification of Express Highways in the Country

6844. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the past to identify Express Highways in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the criteria applied for identification of the Express Highways;

(c) which are the highways identified to be Express Highways in the country;

(d) what is the total length of each of these highways and also the estimated cost of each Express Highway;

(e) the number of people who are being benefited by each of these Express Highways; and

(f) by when each of these Highways is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Based on density of traffic and techno-economic considerations, about 10,020 km of high density routes have been identified under the ADB financed study for development as Expressways in the country for a time horizon upto year 2015. Of these, the Expressway routes as per following details have been identified as priority routes by the year 2000:

S. No	Routes	Length (km)	Rough Cost (Rs. in crore)
1	Delhi-Karnal-Ambala	199	1000
2	Ahmedabad-Vadodara-Surat	269	2150
3	Delhi-Ghaziabad-Kanpur	414	2500
4.	Kanpur-Varanasi	313	2000
5	Bombay-Thane-Nasik	145	870

The country as a whole would be benefited with these Expressways. It is too early to indicate the time frame by which these Expressways are likely to be completed except the Ahmedabad Vadodara Expressway for which the target date of completion is June, 1996.

Increasing the Number of DTC Buses

6845. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Red-line and DTC buses playing on the roads and the number of commuters who travelled in these buses during the period 1992-1993;

(b) the reasons for reducing the number of DTC buses on the road; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to increase the number of DTC buses in comparision to Red-line buses in the Delhi State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) During the year 1992-93, 3665 DTC buses were on road which carried 37.49 lakhs passengers daily. Approximately 2410 Red line buses were playing in Delhi during the period 1992-93. However, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have informed that no information regarding the number of commuters travelling in

Redline buses is maintained by them

(b) DTC has about 25.08% overaged buses and due to paucity of funds, DTC has not been able to purchase adequate number of new buses on replacement account.

(c) As on 30.4.94 the fleet strength of DTC is 3505 which is larger than that of Red line. The Government have made a provision of Rs. 10 crs. for purchase of about 130 new buses on replacement account during the year 1994-95. There is no proposal to increase DTC fleet beyond its existing fleet.

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Maintenance of National Highways

6846. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN
SHRI J.S. RAJU.
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of National Highways in all the States in India and what is their total length in Miles/Kilometres;

(b) what is State-wise details of allocation of funds per year for the maintenance of these National Highways during the last three years;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that National Highways in States are not maintained up to the standards expected; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The total number of National Highways in the country is 77 and other total length is 34,058 Km.

(b) A statement showing the State-wise allocation is attached *(See* below)

(c) and (d) Maintenance of national Highways is a continuing activity. The funds made available for maintenance are inadequate in relation to the requirement as per the norms. However, the National Hihgways are kept in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of State	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1279.42	1249.44	1716.42
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	84.36	35.41	33.51
3.	Assam	1018.09	1039.625	1355.22
4.	Bihar	1012.30	1072.66	1276.45
5.	Chandigarh	16.00	15.48	14.00
6.	Delhi	163.00	171.80	208.21
7.	Goa	191.97	208.308	245.05
8.	Gujarat	918.89	881.37	1033.95
9.	Haryana	362.29	380.83	513.86
10.	Himachal Pradesh	518.77	529.55	881.70
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	45.00	143.39	94.54
12.	Karnataka	990.02	1105.85	1234.19
13.	Kerala	586.54	587.82	726.15
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1195.69	1213.25	1316.28
15.	Maharashtra	1620.00	1506.677	1815.54
16.	Manipur	51.67	73.32	130.47
17.	Meghalaya	206.19	170.27	231.13